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I have the honour to transmit to you the latest version, dated 12 November 1993, of the "adjusted timetable of urgent steps to implement Security Council resolutions 822 (1992), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993)".

The said document has been submitted by the Chairman of the Council on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Minsk Conference on Nagorny Karabakh, the Honourable Mario Raffaelli, to the parties to the conflict today, with a request that they should communicate their acceptance by 22 November 1993, at 1200 hours Moscow time.

Upon receiving the consent of the parties, Mr. Raffaelli would immediately put actual dates on the timetable and inform the parties accordingly.

I would appreciate it if the present letter and the annexed timetable could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) F. Paolo FULCI
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Adjusted timetable of urgent steps to implement Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993)*

The following urgent steps will be implemented by the parties to the conflict. In the context of the timetable, the term "parties to the conflict" refers to the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan and to the leadership of Nagorny Karabakh, each according to its own role in the conflict. The Azeri interested party of Nagorny Karabakh will continue to have a role in the negotiations towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict. The terms "party to the conflict" and "leadership of Nagorny Karabakh" do not imply recognition of any diplomatic or legal status under domestic or international law.

The parties to the conflict will continue to make all advance technical preparations including by direct contacts between them, to ensure that the actions for which they are responsible can be accomplished according to the present timetable. They will coordinate closely with the head of the CSCE verification or monitor mission as soon as he arrives in the region to demonstrate that all necessary preparations have been made.

Technical problems that may delay implementation of any step of the timetable will not affect the obligation of the parties to the conflict to carry out the subsequent steps of the timetable. The technical nature of such problems will be verified by the head of the CSCE verification or monitor mission.

Violations of the arrangements agreed within the present timetable will be promptly reported by the relevant CSCE mission to the Chairman-in-Office of CSCE, along with a factual analysis, with a view to enabling CSCE to take the appropriate measures, including the possibility of reporting violations and making recommendations to the Security Council. In these cases, an emergency meeting of the Minsk Group may be called by the Chairman.

By signing the present timetable, the parties to the conflict confirm that they have agreed to continue to observe a complete and durable cease-fire at least until the opening of the Minsk Conference. Prior arrangement of such a cease-fire could establish an effective basis for this confirmation and the opening of the Minsk Conference and its ultimate success.

The opening of the Minsk Conference can in no way be interpreted as implying acceptance or recognition of the situation on the ground. Questions relating to or arising from the conflict and not addressed in the present timetable (including withdrawal or displaced persons/refugee questions such as Lachin, Shusha/Shushi, Shaumian/Goranboy and the enclaves) will remain open and are to be resolved at the Conference.

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* The texts of the resolutions are annexed to the present timetable as essential guidelines.

The parties to the conflict will, as soon as possible, exchange lists of all detainees (prisoners or hostages) being held, whether by authorities or private persons, and all available information on persons who have died in their custody. They will also exchange lists of missing persons, with a view to receiving all available information concerning their fate. The parties will immediately take all necessary action to facilitate access by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to all detainees (prisoners or hostages).

The parties to the conflict recognize the right of every displaced person/refugee to return to his/her home of his/her free will, in security and dignity. They shall endeavour to create secure conditions that will permit the voluntary and generally balanced return of all displaced persons/refugees who wish to return to their homes. All possible assistance will be provided for their return.

Cessation of military activities and hostile acts, completion of withdrawals and restoration of communications and transportation as foreseen in this timetable will contribute to the creation of the necessary conditions for the voluntary return of displaced persons/refugees to their homes in security and dignity.

In the present timetable the term "withdrawal" is to be understood as withdrawal to the relevant segment of the 1988 district borders.

Day X — Announcement by the Chairman of the parties' agreement on the timetable.

X+7-X+9 — Minsk Group preparatory meeting for the Minsk Conference. The meeting will decide all questions concerning the procedure and the decision-making process of the Conference.

X+14 — Public announcement by the parties to the conflict on the entry into force of the present agreed timetable. The announcements should mention the following elements of the timetable:

(a) Cessation of military activities and hostile acts;

(b) Withdrawal from occupied territories;

(c) Restoration of communications and transportation;

(d) Creation of conditions for the return of displaced persons/refugees to their homes in security and dignity;

(e) Opening of the Minsk Conference.

The announcement should also mention the arrival of the CSCE verification mission to the region and the commitment of the parties to cooperate with it, the positive perspective opened up for the region by the beginning of the process, the need for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, a commitment to observe strictly the terms of the timetable and the readiness of each party to punish those responsible on its own side in case of violations.

The CSCE verification mission, led by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office accompanied by at least 35 to 40 experts and possibly by United Nations representatives, arrives in the region. As soon as possible after arrival, the head of mission will set up a joint coordination commission along the lines of annex II to the present timetable.

Soon after arrival, the head of mission will contact the representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the region. A joint commission acting as a subcommission of the joint coordination commission will examine all aspects concerning the return of displaced persons/refugees to their homes as a consequence of actions provided for in this timetable.

X+15 Withdrawal from Kubatli (and Zangelan, if still occupied) districts begins, including clearing of own mines.

X+17 Verification mission enters Kubatli and Zangelan districts, provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from these districts is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

The main gas pipeline from Azerbaijan into Armenia and Nakhichevan is reopened. This is verified by the verification mission.

Withdrawal from Fizuli district (and Goradiz, including the main road along the Iranian border, if still occupied) begins, including clearing of own mines.

X+19 Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Kubatli and Zangelan districts.

X+21 Verification mission enters Fizuli-Goradiz district provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from this district is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

Exchange of acknowledged detainees (hostages and prisoners) of war is effected.

Kazakh-Idjevan road is reopened from both sides. This is verified by the verification mission.

Withdrawal from the Agdam district begins, including clearing of own mines.

X+23 Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from Fizuli-Goradiz district.

X+24 Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan confirm that they are strictly respecting the recognized international border between the two countries. Any border complaints are submitted through the joint coordination commission to the head of the CSCE mission, who will make the necessary verifications.

X+25 Verification mission enters the Agdam district provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from this district is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

Withdrawal from the Mardakert district begins at 0001 hours local time, including clearing of own mines.

X+26 Withdrawal from Djebrail district begins at 0001 hours local time, including clearing of own mines.

X+28 Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Agdam district.

X+30 Verification mission enters Mardakert district, provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from this district is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

X+34 Verification mission enters Djebrail district, provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from this district is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

Announcement by the Government of Azerbaijan that "there will be restraint in the reintroduction of security personnel in the Kelbajar district". Such personnel will number approximately 1 per cent of the population having returned to the district and in any case will not exceed 500. Their weapons will be limited to pistols and submachine-guns/automatic rifles. A CSCE mission will monitor the level of security forces and the type of weapons to be reintroduced, in order to oversee that they correspond to the above provisions. These provisions shall apply until the Minsk Conference has completed its work or a subsequent regime has been agreed for the district.

Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Mardakert district.

X+35 Withdrawal from the Kelbajar district begins at 0001 hours local time, including clearing of own mines.

X+36 Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Djebrail district.

X+37 Reopening of all remaining communications and transportation within the region, including as concerns Nakhichevan. The parties undertake full responsibility for the maintenance and repair of communication lines under their control.

X+38 Verification mission enters Kelbajar district provided the head of mission is satisfied that the safety of the mission is ensured. Withdrawal from this district is completed by 2359 hours local time. Assistance is provided to displaced persons/refugees returning to their homes after withdrawal.

X+39 Reopening of Kazakh-Idjevan railway from both sides. This is verified by the verification mission.

X+40 Verification mission completes verification of the withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Kelbajar district.

Following the appropriate decision by CSCE, the verification mission is transformed into the CSCE monitor mission, which begins operating in the region on the basis of the terms of reference approved by CSCE and of the present timetable.

X+42 Inaugural session of the Minsk Conference (at the highest level among the parties to the conflict).

Adoption of the Conference agenda.

Signing by the parties to the conflict of a statement on the continuation of the negotiations towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict on the basis of the principles, commitments and provisions of CSCE and the continued implementation of Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993). This statement will commit the parties to the irreversibility of the process.

Solemn confirmation by the Conference of determination to ensure free and unimpeded access of international humanitarian relief efforts to the region, in particular in all areas affected by the conflict.

Parties to the conflict commit themselves, in cooperation with ICRC, to return all detainees (hostages and prisoners-of-war) or their remains, and to cooperate in accounting for the missing.

Confirmation of cease-fire, which is transformed into a permanent cessation of military activities and hostile acts. The expression "cessation of military activities" involves the exclusion, on a permanent basis, of:

(a) The use of any type of weapon for military purposes, including shelling and aerial bombardments (complete cease-fire);

(b) Any offensive operation or attack;

(c) Any military manoeuvre;

(d) Any movement of military units or military equipment and any transport for the purpose of resupplying of munitions to existing units or deploying reinforcements (except movements for withdrawal to the rear or reintroduction of lightly armed security personnel into the Kelbajar district, with prior notification to the relevant CSCE mission);

(e) Any patrolling for either reconnaissance or combat purposes;

(f) Any kidnapping or taking of hostages, plunder or killing of civilians.

X+45 Further elements of the CSCE monitor mission, for a total of about 130 monitors, are dispatched to the region.

Annex I

Definition of the area of conflict

The terms used in the present annex do not imply recognition of any diplomatic or legal status under domestic or international law.

The area of conflict includes the following:

(a) All territory east of Armenia, south of the Georgian frontier and the southern bank of the Koura river and the Mingechaurskoe Reservoir and north of the northern bank of the Arax river, excluding the territory east of 48 longitude;

(b) A strip of land having a width of about 5 kilometres on each side along the border between Armenia and the Azeri province of Nakhichevan;

(c) A strip of land having a width of about 20 kilometres on the Armenian side of the remaining international border between Armenia and Azerbaijan;

(d) Airfields, wherever located, under the control of the parties to the conflict at which combat or other aircraft used for military purposes can be based. (See attachments with map of A, B and C areas and list of airfields.)

Possible overlappings due to the application of the above criteria do not cause an increase in the area of conflict.

As an exception to the normal regime of the area of conflict, movements of unloaded weapons (including heavy weapons after reactivation) and personnel will be permitted, subject to prior notification to a CSCE mission of such reactivation and movement, in the city of Stepanakert, along the main road from Stepanakert north to Mardakert and south to Hadruth and 1 kilometre on both sides of the road. Ammunition should be transported in separate convoys.

Normal border services or installations on borders with third countries shall be exempted from monitoring.

While monitors cannot be present in all locations at all times, they have the right to visit any part of the area of conflict at any time, for the accomplishment of their duties.

The monitoring area includes the area of conflict as defined in subparagraphs (a) to (d) above, as well as any other area on the territories under the control of the parties to the conflict as necessary for the monitoring mission to carry out the tasks specified in point 1 of the terms of reference.

Attachment I

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Attachment II

List of airfields

The following list of airfields has been prepared on the basis of the parties' contributions and remarks. The nature and condition of some of these airfields has to be ascertained. The definitive list of airfields to be monitored will be compiled by the head of the CSCE verification or monitor mission as soon as the mission becomes operational.

AGDAM	3958NO4700E	LEMKORAN	3834NO4849E
AGJABEDI a/		METS MAZRA a/	4011NO4546E
AKSTAFA	4107NO4525E	NAFTALAN	4031NO4649E
BAKU-BINA	4028NO5023E	NAKHICHEVAN	3911NO4527E
BAKU-KALA	4024NO5012E	NOSOSNAYA	4035NO4933E
BERD	4055EO4527E	PIRSAGAT	3951NO4920E
BILASUVAR (Pushkino)	3930NO4841E	PRISHIB	3951NO4920E
DOLLYAR	4053NO4557E	SABIRABAD a/	
DZHERMUK	3949NO4540E	SALYANI	3938NO4859E
FIZULI	3935NO4711E	SAMGACHALY	4007NO4927E
GAJIKABUL a/		SHEKI	4108NO4709E
GERAN a/		SHINUAYR	3927NO4620E
GORIS a/		SISYAN a/	
GYANDZHA	4044NO4619E	SISTAL CHAY	4048NO4925E
GYOJA a/		STEPANAKERT	3954NO4647E
KAFAN	3912NO4627E	TAMRUKULULAR	4044NO4651E
KALA-PUTA a/		TASHIR	4105NO441E
KARACHALA	3949NO4858E	VARDENIS a/	
KAZI MAGOMED	4001NO4854E	YEREVAN (Yuzhnii)	4007NO4427E
KUMAYRI (Leninakan)	4045NO4351E	YEVLAKH	4037NO4708E
KYURTAMIR a/		ZAKATALY	4133NO4640E
KYZYLAGADZH	3900NO4848E	ZVARTNOTS a/	

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a/ Exact nature and condition to be ascertained.

Annex II

Guidelines for a joint coordination commission

1. In order to facilitate the resolution of technical military issues and other technical issues arising from the day-by-day implementation of the timetable and other arrangements concluded during the peace process, a joint coordination commission (JCC) shall be established in the monitoring area among all the parties to the conflict under the chairmanship of the head of the relevant CSCE mission and for the duration of that mission.

2. The purpose of JCC shall be purely practical. Within the framework of its tasks, it will provide an opportunity for direct contacts between the parties. Its existence, composition and activities shall not imply recognition of any legal status of its parties under domestic or international law.

3. In the early stages of the process, JCC shall contribute to ensuring an effective de-escalation and interruption of military activities, the identification of uncontrolled military formations and the continued observance of the cease-fire.

4. JCC shall strive to improve the exchange of information among the parties, as well as the synchronization of actions by them.

5. JCC shall be convened by its Chairman on a regular basis, and whenever required. Items to be discussed will be determined by the Chairman, taking due account of issues brought to his attention by any participant.

6. JCC will be composed of the parties to the conflict. The representative of the Azeri community of Nagorny Karabakh shall participate in the discussion of those problems which concern that community directly.

7. JCC shall normally meet at the relevant CSCE mission's headquarters. Its Chairman may decide to convene it elsewhere in the monitoring area, whenever required.

8. The JCC proceedings and any conclusion on specific questions may be recorded under the Chairman's responsibility.

9. Each party to the conflict shall facilitate all travel and activities relating to JCC and ensure the security and safety of JCC participants in connection with such travels and activities, within the territory under its own control.

10. If necessary, the present guidelines may be reviewed by the Minsk Conference or its working groups.

Annex III

The text of the relevant Security Council resolutions is considered to be annexed to the present timetable.